

# JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

## SONOMA FIRES: CENTRAL LNU COMPLEX

PRESS RELEASE



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### Evacuation Orders Lifted for Areas of Glen Ellen

**SANTA ROSA, CA** – As of 12:30 p.m. today, Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office is lifting evacuation orders in portions of the Glen Ellen community that fall within the burn zone. This area will be open for residents and property owners only.

Evacuation orders have been lifted for the following streets:

- Dunbar Road
- Henno Road
- Sylvia Road and associated side streets
- Trinity Road, south of Hwy 12 (Trinity Road north of Hwy 12 is closed)
- Warm Springs Road
- O'Donnell Lane
- London Ranch Road
- Chauvet Road and associated side streets
- Hill Road

If you live in these areas, you can return home now. **PLEASE NOTE that you must access these areas via Arnold Drive only.** A kit that includes personal protective gear and information about how to mitigate health and safety hazards on your property will be available at checkpoints on Arnold Drive.

In an effort to safeguard your property, there will be a mandatory curfew in these areas from 6:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. All residents are required to exit these areas overnight, but may return in the morning at 8 a.m.

There will be more law enforcement personnel in your neighborhood to keep you safe. You do not need to check in with anyone and you do not need a law enforcement escort.

Please remember that portions of Glen Ellen that were not affected by the fire (not within the burn zone) are still open. Arnold Drive is open to through traffic. PG&E and utilities crews are still in the areas hard at work. Please drive slow, pay attention to traffic controls and please use patience.

To see if your address is evacuated, use the online, up-to-date evacuation map for Sonoma County available at <https://tinyurl.com/centrallnuevacs>.

### **Be Safe Upon Re-Entry:**

Please be aware that areas you are re-entering may still pose potential risks. Please stay informed and aware of conditions of your area. If you see electrical wires on the ground, stay clear and contact PG&E immediately by calling 1-800-743-5000. Trees and poles with deep charring, particularly if still smoking, should be considered hazardous. Please drive slowly and yield to emergency personnel in the area. If at any time you feel unsafe, please call 911. There will still be smoke in the respective areas as firefighters continue firefighting operations.

### **Re-Entry Information:**

Re-entry is controlled by entry points to ensure that only residents are allowed back in to burned areas. All re-entry notifications will be done via Nixle and Sonoma Sheriff Facebook. Text your zip code to 888-777 to sign up for Nixle alerts.

- There will be controlled points of entry to neighborhoods staffed by law enforcement who will verify identification and addresses. The re-entry notification will include the location of checkpoints and will list specific hours of entry. Some checkpoints will be issuing passes to get to affected neighborhoods. Passes will be issued to an individual car and are designed to get people easily through checkpoints.
- To enter a restricted zone, residents must provide a form of ID. Acceptable forms of ID include a driver's license or state ID card, passport, utility bill and valid photo ID, or consular ID. School IDs will not be accepted as valid photo ID. Again, IDs are required to ensure that only residents are coming back into neighborhoods.
  - If you do not have ID, the Local Assistance Center (LAC) can help you obtain an ID. The LAC is located at the Press Democrat building at 427 Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa.
  - Your immigration status will not affect your ability to get an ID.

- Residents can have as many family and friends accompany them as they wish, within the one car per residence limit.
- A map that shows available re-entry points will be provided at entry checkpoints.
- The Department of Public Health advises that children under 18 should not be exposed to the sites as there are toxic chemicals that are hazardous to their health.
- Ash is a toxic material and dangerous to your health. It is highly recommended that you don't handle this material.
- Pets are also discouraged as they are closer to the ground and can breathe in unhealthy chemicals.
- A change of clothes and plastic bags are recommended so ash and hazardous chemicals don't go back into your vehicle and contaminate occupants.

#### **Re-Entry Kits and Safety Instructions:**

- A re-entry kit with safety supplies will be provided for residents at the checkpoints.
- Safety instructions for protecting against hazardous chemicals and conditions will also be provided and should be followed.

#### **Support services will be available in each neighborhood:**

Each neighborhood will have emotional support services, including mental health providers, the faith community, and law enforcement chaplains.

#### **Media Access to Affected Neighborhoods:**

We appreciate all the media has done to keep the public informed and provide information to those outside the community about our needs and recovery efforts. Media personnel will be able to access these neighborhoods via the controlled points of entry at the same time as residents. **Media credentials will need to be presented to law enforcement at the check points. You will be provided with a media packet with information, similar to what residents will receive.**

During re-entry, our focus will be on helping members of our community return to their property, providing them with safe, secure, private time, and making sure they have the support services they need throughout this process. We ask the members of the media be respectful of the privacy of our residents. Not everyone will want to interview or be on-camera as they reunite with family, friends and neighbors, evaluate their losses, and determine next steps.

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